

ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE

all have great compassion for him." / Shortly afterwards, Giannozzo was set at liberty; Marchionne Stefani, who pursues him with relentless partisan hate in his chronicle and spares no effort to blacken his name, declares that he deceived his creditors >y his edifying conduct in prison, and robbed a fellow-prisoner of his jewels, by the sale of which he escaped into Lombardy. This is certainly a calumny ; but it seems clear that Giannozzo joined the Florentine rebels in the Paduan district, and, in September, he was with the Hungarian army at the siege of Treviso, where 'in understanding with Lapo da Castiglione (Benedetto Peruzzi persuaded him to join a conspiracy for the restoration of the Guelf exiles to Florence, with the aid of Charles of Durazzo.

Giannozzo returned to Tuscany with letters from the prince, to raise money to hire four hundred lances for this purpose from the Compagnia di San Giorgio, which was now in Charles's pay. In the Florentine contado, he visited Guido della Foresta, Piero Canigiani, Antonio da Uzzano, Donato Strada, and Bonifazio Peruzzi, all of whom professed themselves favourable to the undertaking. But the Florentine ambassadors who were with Charles, attempting to arrange peace between Genoa and Venice, had warned the Signoria; and, on October 12, Giannozzo and Bonifazio Peruzzi were arrested in a villa at Marignolle, and handed over to Cante de' Gabrielli. Examined under torture on the following evening, Giannozzo confessed the whole plot, denounced Piero Canigiani and his other accomplices, and (so it was said) even accused himself of having forged the letters he had brought from Charles of Durazzo. His own brother, Franco Sacchetti, was the first to propose, in the Council of the

Captain, that he should be put to death as a traitor
to his native
land. On October 15, Giannozzo was brought in a
cart through
the city to the place of execution, and there
beheaded. The
other conspirators were condemned to a fine of two
thousand
florins; Bonifazio Peruzzi and Antonio da Uzzano
paid ; but
Piero Canigiani and the others, being unable to find
the amount

¹ Unpublished. Appendiz, Letter VI.